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¶ By the Queene.

A Proclamation for adjournement of part of Michaelmas Tearme.



¶asmuch as the Queenes Maiestie our soueraigne Ladie, is credibly enformed, that the infection of the plague is at this present in sundrie places in and about the Citie of London, and in other places neere adioyning to the same, whereas by the continuance thereof, through the greater repaire and resort of her louing Subiects, great perill and danger might not onely ensue vnto her most royall person, but also vnto her most louing Subiects, repairing thither for their suites and causes, and thereby also giue occasion of disperling of the same in other parts of the Realme: Her Maiestie for the said necessary causes and considerations, and hoping that the same will by the goodnesse of Almighty God, with the coldenesse of the yeare, and such wholesome orders as are to bee taken in her saide Citie, the rather cease by the adiournement of part of this next tearme of Saint Michael now at hand, from the vtas of the same, vntill the fourth returne of the said Tearme, called Mensis Michaelis, next comming: Her Maiestie therefore of her especiall fauour & clemencie, is pleased and contented, to adiourne the said tearme of Saint Michael, that is to say, from the vtas thereof, vntill the saide fourth returne of the saide tearme, called Mensis Michaelis, next comming. Which her Maiestie signifieth to all and singuler her louing Subiects of this her Realme, to the intent, that they, and euery of them, which hath cause or commandement to appeare in any of her highnesse courts at Westminster, in, or at any day or time, from, and after the saide vtas of Saint Michael, may tary at their dwellings, or where their businesse otherwise shall lye, without resorting to any of the said Courts for that cause, before Mensis Michaelis, next comming, and that without danger of forfeiture, penaltie, or contempt, to incurre towards her Highnesse in that behalfe. And neuerthelesse her Highnesse pleasure is, that two of her Iustices, that is to say, of either bench one, shall the first day of Michaelmas tearme, called Octabis Michaelis, according to the ancient order of her Lawes, keepe the essoines of the saide Octabis Michaelis, at which vtas of Saint Michael, writtes of adiournement shalbe directed to the saide Iustices, giuing them authoritie to adiourne the saide Tearme of Saint Michael, that is to saye, from the vtas thereof, vntill Mensis Michaelis, as before is said: And the said adiournement shalbe made in the first day of the saide vtas, commonly called the day of essoines. And further her Maiesties pleasure is, that all maters, causes and suites, depending in any of her other Courts betweene partie and partie, as in her Highnesse Courts of Chauncerie, Starre chamber, and Erchequer, Courts of wards and liueries, Duchie of Lancaster, and Courts of Requestes shall haue continuance, and the parties shall haue day from the date of these presents vnto Mensis Michaelis, as before is said.

¶rovided alwayes, and her Maiesties pleasure and commandement is, that all Collectors, Receiuers, Sherifes, and other accomptants, & all other persons that should or ought to accompt or pay any summe or summes of money in any of her Maiesties court of Erchequer, court of wards and liueries, or of her Duchie of Lancaster, or in any of them, or to enter into any accompt in any of the same courts, shall repaire vnto the accustomed places at Westminster, where her Highnesse hath appointed such officers and ministers, as for that purpose her Maiestie hath thought expedient, and there to pay, and doe in euery behalfe, as though no such Proclamation of adiournement had bene had or made: And her Highnesse further pleasure and commandement is, that all Sherifes shall returne their writtes and procelle against all such accomptants and debtors at the dayes therein appointed. And all other writtes and procelle directed vnto them out of any of the Offices of her Maiesties Remembrancer, or the Treasurers Remembrancer in her Highnesse said Court of Erchequer. And if any person or persons who ought to accompt or pay any summe or summes of money to her Maiestie in any the Courts and places aforesaid, do make default therein, That then her Highnesse writtes and procelle shalbe awarded, and sent forth against euery such person and persons, and the same to be duely and orderly serued and returned by the Sherifes and Officers thereunto appointed, in such like maner and forme as the same should haue bene, if this present proclamation had not bene made. And if any Sheriffe or other Officer shall make default, or be negligent in seruing, executing and returning of any the writtes and procelle aforesaid: That then euery such Sheriffe and other Officer shall incurre such paines and penalties, as by the saide Courts, or any of them shalbe taxed and assessed: Willing and commanding all and euery her Maiesties Sherifes, officers, ministers and subiectes, to whom it doth or shall appertaine, to obserue and keep their assemblies and apparances, with all their returnes and certificats in her Highnesse said Courts at Westminster in Mensis Michaelis next comming, then and there to be holden and kept, and there to do their offices and dueties in euery behalfe, in like maner and forme as they should or ought to haue done, if this present proclamation had not bene had or made, as they will answere to the contrary at their perils.

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¶ God saue the Queene.

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